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In re application of:  
Kazuaki EJIRI

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**For:** **CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING:  
METHOD, AND WASHING/RINSING  
METHOD ASSOCIATED THEREWITH**



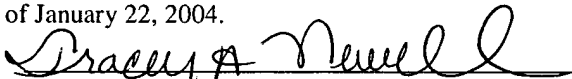
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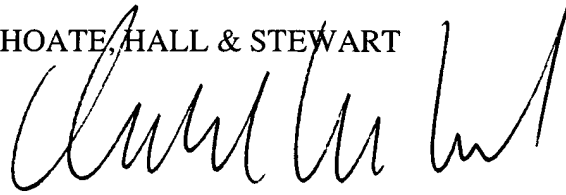
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA 6,423,630	07/23/2002	Wilbur G. Catabay, et al.			
	AB					
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
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	AL 2002-009151	01/11/2002	JP			English Abstract	
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